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Proposal:

West Las Vegas - APA Community Workshop

The workshop resulted in a list of the following recommendations for the area:

- Develop a strategic implementation plan comprised of a community vision with strategies to build successes and drive momentum;
- Create an environment and incentives for homeownership;
- Provide a mix of housing types to attract young adults;
- Increase density and develop mixed-use;
- Promote and preserve locally owned businesses;
- Provide attractive streetscapes with tree lined, narrow streets, lighting, crosswalks and sidewalks for pedestrians;
- Establish a main thoroughfare connecting Union Park to Historic West Las Vegas;
- Revamp the community's image and perception; Rename streets to celebrate and support community achievement and foster a positive image;
- Provide signage to promote the Historic West Las Vegas Community;
- Expand the Redevelopment Area and incorporate Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds;
- Create community development corporations;
- Encourage churches and third party organizations to be proactive in the construction of housing and partnership opportunities;
- Create and enforce design standards for the community;
- Include current landowners, especially churches in the strategic plan development;
- Streamline the planning and approval process for new development;



Proposal:

West Las Vegas Plan History

1994	West Las Vegas Plan	A land use plan weighted more towards public assistance than promoting private investment.
2003	West Las Vegas Neighborhood Plan	A community plan that reflects the visions and aspiration of the neighborhood.
2006	West Las Vegas Plan: Update	A land use plan guiding activities centered on generating private investment, commercial projects and housing units to the area.
2009	West Las Vegas Plan: Update	Update to include: physical improvements, streetscapes, walkability, recommendations from APA Community Workshop.
	Planning Commission	April 23, 2009
	City Council	May 20, 2009



Proposal:

Implement a Main Street Program on Jackson Avenue to incorporate the following goals and strategies for improving walkability:

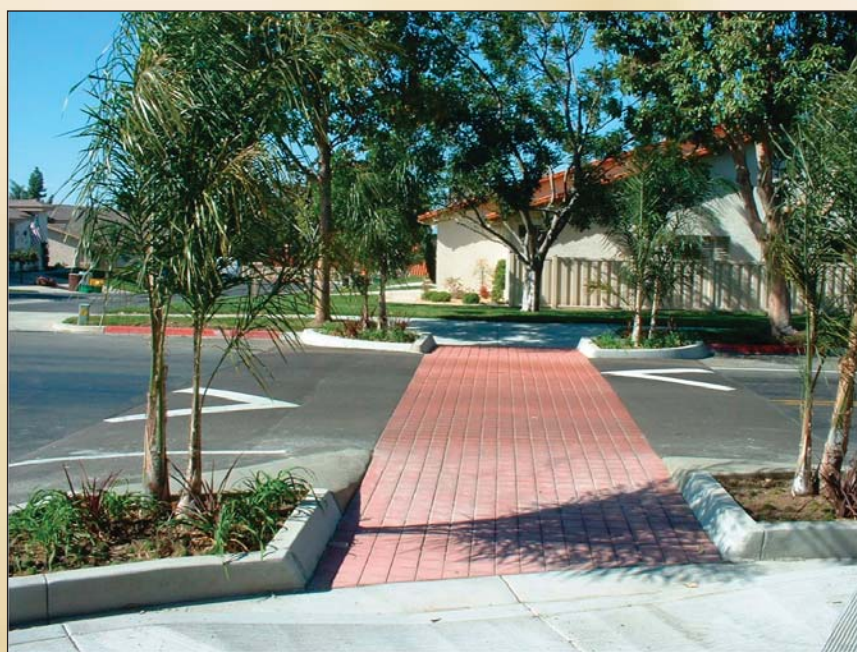
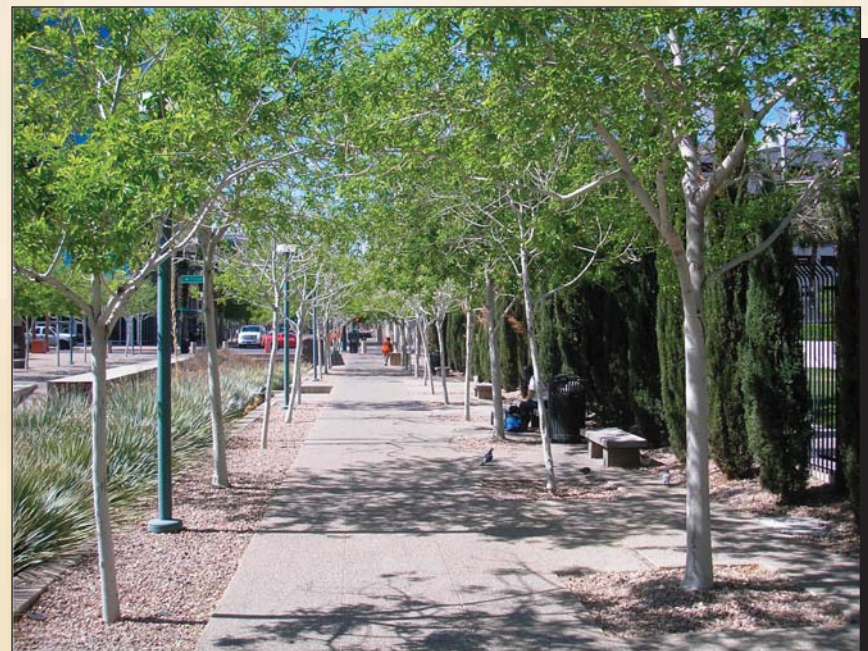
- *Reclaiming streets for pedestrians;*
- *Rights-of-way where pedestrians, bikes, cars and transit can co-exist;*
- *Sidewalks that allow for diverse pedestrian activities;*
- *Well-lit, shaded and furnished spaces that promote public interaction;*
- *Intersections that are easy and safe to cross;*
- *Link infrastructure improvements with economic development and housing opportunities.*



Implement a Main Street Program on Jackson Avenue



What Makes a Neighborhood “Walkable?”



pedestrian facilities include:

- ☐ **sidewalks**
- ☐ **shade**
- ☐ **safety**



Proposal:

Connect infrastructure planning in West Las Vegas to the Capital Improvement process and implement complete streets to include the following:

- *Sidewalks*
- *Landscaping*
- *Streetlights*
- *Pedestrian overpasses*
- *Bus turnouts*



Coordinate infrastructure improvements to planning priorities

*Median & Streetlight Improvements
D Street - Washington Ave to Madison Ave*



Complete Streets



complete streets: **designed to enable safe access for all users**

- ☐ **pedestrians**
- ☐ **bicycles**
- ☐ **vehicles**
- ☐ **transit**



Proposal:

Improve the physical character and enhance the visual image of West Las Vegas through streetscape improvements such as:

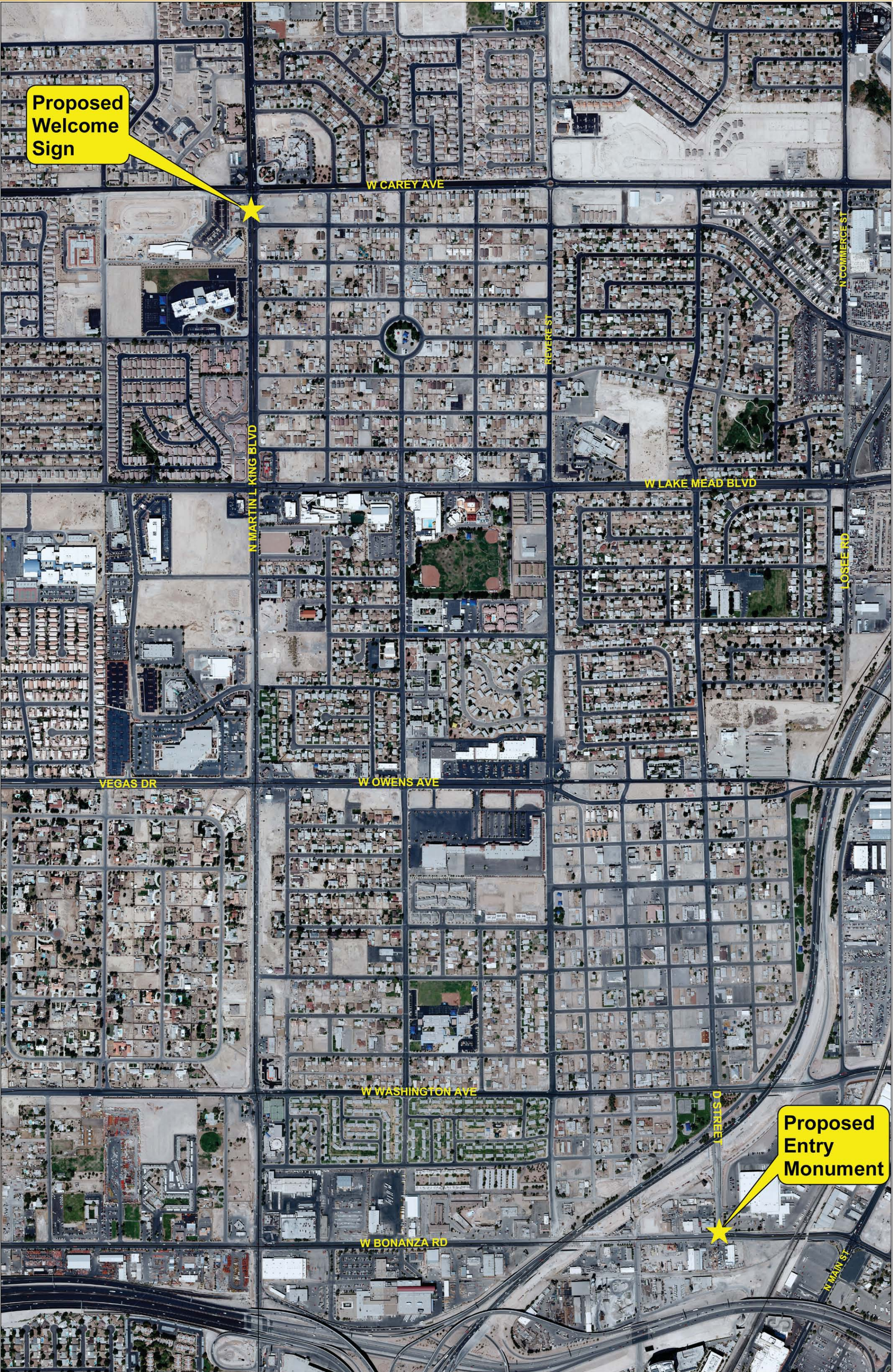
- *Implement street trees and median improvements along primary and secondary streets;*
- *Implement “gateways” to be applied at the major entranceways;*
- *Include a series of public art projects*



Urban Design/Entry Features



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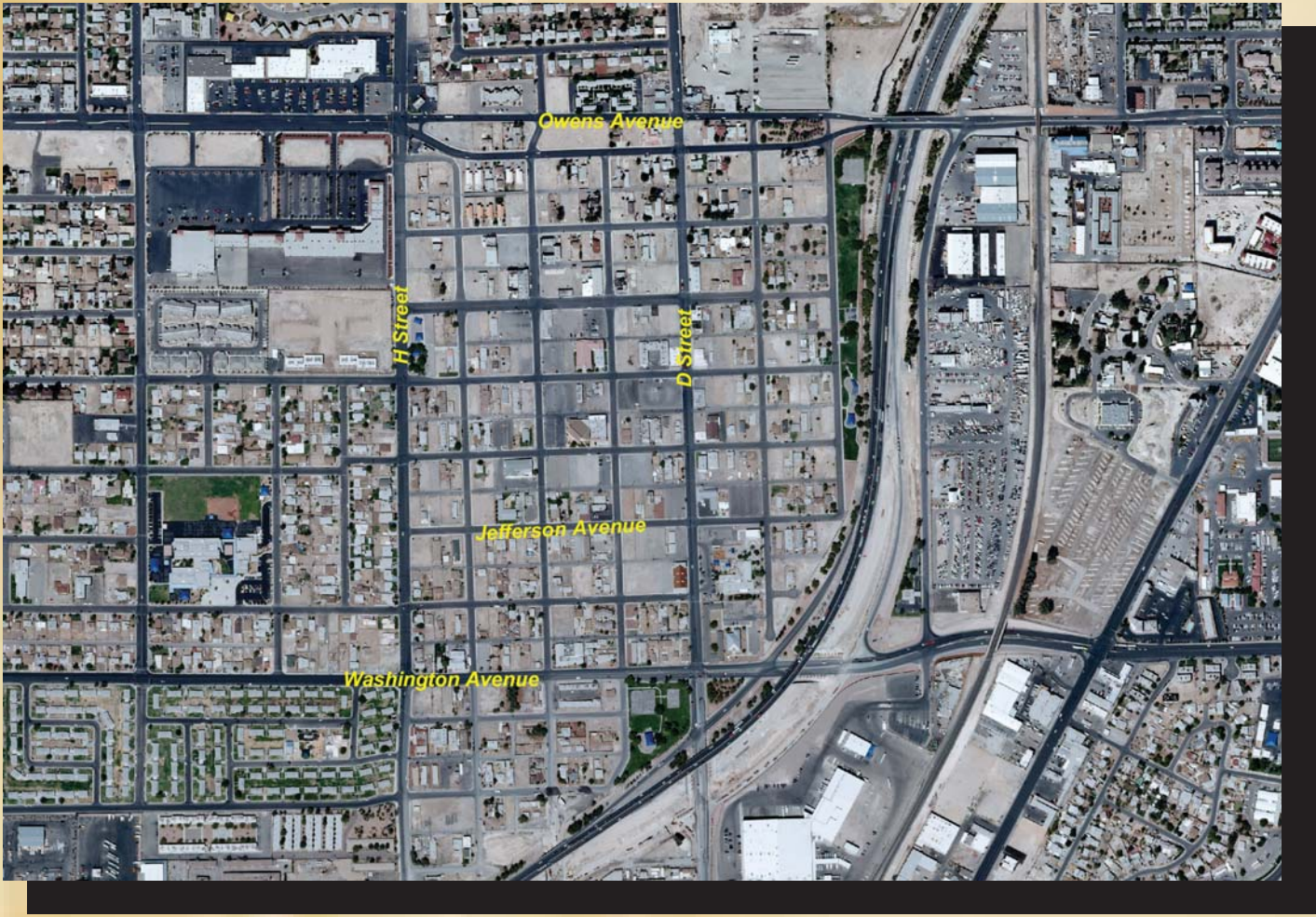
Proposal:

Enhance the Owens Avenue corridor through investigating the following:

- *Improved access to I-15 through new on-ramps or the use of parallel roads;*
- *Improved aesthetics through planting streets, trees, decorative street lights, etc;*
- *Improve connectivity to the neighborhood;*
- *Sidewalks*



Owens Avenue Corridor



Proposal:

Pursue the preservation, maintenance and protection of the Westside School by:

- *Completing a study of the existing structure;*
- *Replacing HVAC, including replacing existing system with a design which will remove the units from the exterior of the building;*
- *Removing wooden canopy structure at interior courtyard;*
- *Replacing sidewalks and parking lot;*
- *Re-landscaping the entire site to include additional trees and amenities in the courtyard;*
- *Re-paving and landscaping parking lot;*
- *Upgrading sidewalks, parking lot and building to ADA standards.*





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Westside School

1923

The first school in West Las Vegas opened with two rooms and two teachers for four grades.

From 1904 until 1923, children from McWilliams' Townsite crossed the railroad tracks to get to school in Clark's Townsite. This dangerous situation lasted until the Las Vegas School District built this two-room school on land in the new Valley View addition, adjoining McWilliam's Townsite on the east.

The school quickly expanded with two more rooms in 1928 when news of the construction of Hoover Dam brought families from the south searching for work. A kindergarten was added 1938, and in 1942 a small building from the Civilian Conservation Corps camp was moved to the site to house third and fourth grades. Fifth grade was added in 1947. Finally, in 1948, a concrete block addition with eight classrooms was built next to the original school building to house sixth, seventh and eighth grades. In May 1949, twenty-seven students graduated in the first eighth grade commencement class.

New neighborhoods and schools to serve them came quickly in the 1950s The Westside School, was phased out for school use in 1967, and became city property in 1974. Shortly thereafter, the city leased the building to the Economic Opportunity Board (EOB) as a community center and radio station.

